GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:250
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2007
STANDARD OF SAINIK SCHOOLS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standard of Sainik Schools in the country has declined over a period of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to maintain high standards of education in the Sainik Schools;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more Sainik Schools in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 250 FOR ANSWER ON 3.12.2007

The objectives of Sainik Schools is to create an opportunity in each state to contribute to the officers pool in the armed forces and to bring public school education within the reach of the common man. There has been a constant improvement in the academic standards of Sainik Schools. A statement showing this trend is enclosed as Annexure. However, the infrastructure standards and general facilities of these Schools have been facing a decline.

With a view to maintain the academic standards in Sainik Schools, an elaborate programme of in service training to the teachers and competition oriented training for the cadets is being implemented with the assistance of experts from the Services and professional educational institutions/bodies. The Ministry of Defence also provides training grants to the schools with a view to upgrade training infrastructure and skills.

Sainik Schools are established on receipt of a specific request from a State Government agreeing to provide land alongwith funds for the creation and maintenance of basic infrastructure, equipment and facilities besides scholarships for the cadets of the State. There are 22 Sainik Schools functioning in the country. The Ministry of Defenc has accorded 'in principle' approval for the establishment of new Sainik Schools at Chingchip (Mizoram), Ravangla (Sikkim) & Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh).